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Re:

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For: Analog Zero IF FM Decoder and Embodiments Thereof, Such as the

Family Radio Service

Inventors:

Sorrells et al.

Our Ref:

1744.0250001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee;
- 2. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 3. Form PTO 1449 (3 pages) listing (24) documents: AA68-AI68, AA69-AI69, AA70-AF70; and
- 4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Tenth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this Tenth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 19, 2005 in connection with the above-captioned application.

Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

Applicants provide the following comments regarding the documents:

Documents AA68-AD68 were cited in a Notice of Allowance in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/855,851, filed May 16, 2001, entitled "Apparatus, System, and Method for Down-Converting and Up-Converting Electromagnetic Signals," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AE68-AG68 were cited in an Office Action in related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/315,174, filed December 10, 2002, entitled "Reducing DC Offsets Using Spectral Spreading," directed to related subject matter. Also cited in said Office Action were U.S. Patent Nos. 5,999,561 and 6,686,879, which have already been cited in the present application.

Documents AH68, AI68, and AA69 were cited in a Notice of Allowance in related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/359,636, filed February 7, 2003, entitled "Integrated Frequency Translation and Selectivity," directed to related subject matter. Also cited in said Office Action were U.S. Patent Nos. 5,126,682; 5,926,054; 6,049,706; 6,421,534; and 6,560,301, which have already been cited in the present application.

Documents AB69-AF69 were cited in an Office Action in related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/197,255, filed July 18, 2002, entitled "Networking Methods and Systems," directed to related subject matter. Also cited in said Office Action was U.S. Patent No. 6,850,742, which has already been cited in the present application.

Document AG69 is a co-owned patent which is directed to related subject matter.

Documents AH69 and AI69 were cited in an Office Action in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/569,045, filed May 10, 2000, entitled "Methods And Apparatuses

Relating To A Universal Platform Module And Enabled By Universal Frequency Translation Technology," directed to related subject matter. Also cited in said Office Action was U.S. Patent No. 5,844,868, which has already been cited in the present application.

Documents AA70-AF70 were cited in a Notice of Allowance in related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/961,272, filed October 12, 2004, entitled "Apparatus, System, And Method For Down-Converting And Up-Converting Electromagnetic Signals," directed to related subject matter. Also cited in said Office Action was U.S. Patent No. 6,853,690, which has already been cited in the present application.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

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